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FACULTY – ECONOMICS

Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh
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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Economics academic and UGC-NET qualified researcher with experience in higher education, teaching, research, student mentoring and academic coordination. Areas of academic interest include Cooperative Economics, Financial Inclusion, Public Policy, Rural Development and Development Studies. Committed to connecting economic theory with applied policy issues and strengthening learning, research and capacity-building initiatives in the cooperative sector.

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Faculty– Economics | Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM), Chandigarh

October 2026 – Present

Teaching and academic engagement in economics and cooperative-management-related areas, with a focus on practical learning, capacity building and the application of economic concepts to cooperative institutions and rural development.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. in Economics (Pursuing)
Panjab University, Chandigarh
M.A. Economics
Department of Economics, Panjab University, Chandigarh | 2018–2020
B.A. (Hons.) Economics
GGDSD College, Chandigarh | 2015–2018

TEACHING & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor – Economics | GGDSD College, Sector 32, Chandigarh

August 2024 - September 2026.

Teaching economics and related subjects; supporting student learning, academic activities and research engagement.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cooperative Economics and Governance • Financial Inclusion • Public Policy • Rural Development • Development Economics • Indian Economy • Employment and Labour Markets • Indian Economic History and Maritime Trade

SELECTED RESEARCH & ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

- “An Overview of Indian Travel & Tourism Sector and Its Employment Generation Potential” — working paper with CEPR (2020).
- “A Systematic Review of the Impact of AI on India’s Employment” — presented and published in connection with a national seminar on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development: Vision 2047, Kurukshetra University (2024).
- “Analyzing the Contours and Catalysts of Ancient Maritime Trade: Lessons for Viksit Bharat @2047” — presented and published in connection with the international conference “Vision 2047: Prosperous & Great Bharat” (2025).
- Digital Transformation of Cooperatives and Financial Inclusion in Rural India: Opportunities, Challenges and the Way Forward, published in Sahkarita Anusandhan (2026).

QUALIFICATIONS & EXAMINATIONS

- UGC-NET qualified in Economics.

- Appeared in UPSC Civil Services Examination, Indian Economic Service (IES) and RBI DEPR examinations.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Teaching & Mentoring • Research and Academic Writing • Training and Capacity Building • Policy Analysis • Academic Coordination • Leadership and Planning • Computer Skills

LANGUAGES

English • Hindi • Punjabi